Outbreak Report for October 2011, West Virginia



During the month of October, 2011, there were 13 outbreaks reported in West Virginia. Eleven (85%) outbreaks were confirmed as outbreaks or clusters. Three outbreaks were reported in schools, 1 in a daycare, 1 in a community, 1 in a residential group home and 5 in healthcare facilities. Among healthcare-associated outbreaks, 4 were reported in long-term care facilities (LTCFs) and one in an outpatient clinic.

The rest of this report describes the types and settings of confirmed outbreaks:

Enteric disease outbreaks during the month of October, 2011 (n=2)

Type of outbreak	Number of outbreaks	Outbreak setting	Laboratory Testing
Acute gastroenteritis	1	LTCF	Not done
Norovirus gastroenteritis	1	LTCF	Confirmed

Respiratory illness outbreaks during the month of October, 2011 (n=4)

Type of outbreak	Number of outbreaks	Outbreak setting	Laboratory Testing
Rhinovirus upper and lower respiratory illness	1	LTCF	Confirmed
Upper and lower respiratory illness	1	LTCF	Non-contributory
Upper respiratory illness	1	Community	Non-contributory
Mycoplasma pneumoniae Pneumonia	1	Schools	Confirmed

Rash outbreaks during the month of October, 2011 (n=3)

Type of outbreak	Number of outbreaks	Outbreak setting	Laboratory Testing
Scabies	1	Group home	Not done
Hand, Foot and Mouth	1	Daycare	Not done
Staphylococcus aureus skin infection	1	School	Confirmed





Other outbreaks during the month of October, 2011 (n=2)

Type of outbreak	Number of outbreaks	Outbreak setting	Laboratory Testing
Viral Meningitis	1	School	Confirmed
Bacillus species	1	Outpatient Specialty	Confirmed / ongoing
Bacteremia		Clinic	investigation

For information on outbreak guidelines or any disease or condition please visit our website at www.dide.wv.gov or call us (24/7/365) at (304) 558-5358 or toll free in West Virginia (800) 423-1271

Remember that outbreaks should be reported immediately to local health department.

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